

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A computerized file management system for use with an existing file system, that includes a volume, and for managing electronic files on the volume the file management system comprising:

a volume manager configured to manage the electronic files on the volume and to manage metadata relating to the electronic files on the volume;

a coherency manager module coupled to the volume manager and configured to manage at least one of i) a version of a selected file of the electronic files and ii) a relationship of the selected file, to another file based on the metadata associated with the selected file; and

an organization module configured to organize the electronic files by searching at least one of i) content of the electronic files and ii) the metadata relating to the electronic files, to identify one or more files of interest, the organization module being configured to provide a folder that includes the one or more files of interest;

wherein the metadata includes a tag comprising a name/value pair describing an attribute of the selected file; and

wherein the metadata includes automatically generated metadata and user defined metadata.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a user interface configured to enable a user to view and manage, within the file management system, the metadata associated with the electronic files, the user interface:

being configured to graphically display information about the files and the metadata; and

being configured to enable the user to manipulate the files and the metadata.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the user interface is configured to enable a user to view the tag.
6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the selected file is classified and organized by the tag.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein representations of a single file can appear in more than one folder.
8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is configured to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the name of the folder is used to perform a query to dynamically determine contents of the folder.
9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, further comprising metadata associated with the folder.
10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the metadata associated with the folder comprises one or more tags associated with the folder.
11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the one or more tags is at least one of a name and a value.
12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a dynamic folder configured to facilitate the categorization of content.
13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is automatically updated in real time.
14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is persistent.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is one of a Query, Search, Merge, Magnetic, and Typed folder.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a Query folder, wherein the Query folder is configured to perform queries based on tags that encapsulate search criteria and matching objects that are associated with the Query folder.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a Search folder, wherein the Search folder is configured to perform free text searches and wherein matching objects are associated with the Search folder.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the Search folder is integrated with at least one search engine.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a Merge folder that is configured combine content of two or more other folders.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the other folders are combined using Boolean logic.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a merge list of folders to be merged.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the merge occurs in real-time.

23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein changes in related folders results in changes to the Merge folder.

24. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising the use of a combination of Query and Search Folders with Merge Folders.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a Magnetic folder that disables removal if a file matches a query associated with the folder.
26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the folder is a Typed folder that only stores and retains certain types of files.
27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the volume manager is configured to manage the folder and metadata relating to the folder on the volume.
28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to include a slot object that manages information associated with a name of a file or folder.
29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to include an entry object that manages at least one of a tag and an attribute of a selected one of the folders.
30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to maintain a slot object and entry object for each file or the folder on the volume.
31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the slot object manages information associated with a name of the file or the folder.
32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the entry object manages at least one of a tag and an attribute of the file or the folder.
33. (Previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the tag is used to maintain relationships among the electronic files.

34. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an XML interface through which information associated with the files can be extracted.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, further comprising an XML interface through which metadata associated with the files can be extracted.